

**CAPSULE SUMMARY**  
**BA-1164**  
**E. Pitts House**  
**15620 Dover Road**  
**Upperco, Baltimore County**  
**ca. 1889**  
**Private**

The Gothic Revival style E. Pitts House was constructed circa 1889 near Upperco in the Fourth District of Baltimore County. By 1877, the small community of Upperco, named for one of the area's predominant families, was the location of a general store and Methodist Episcopal Church. A toll gate was located between Upperco and nearby Fowblesburg on the Hanover Turnpike, a branch of the Baltimore and Reisterstown Turnpike, which replaced the Old Hanover Road as the primary route from Baltimore to Hanover, Pennsylvania. At that time, the land on which the E. Pitts House would later be constructed appears to have been occupied by William Byerly. Twelve years later, the E. Pitts House was constructed, dating to a late 19th century period of growth in the rural community. Between 1877 and 1915, the Western Maryland Railroad was developed through the towns of Fowblesburg and Upperco, resulting in a greater economic vitality throughout the area. Upperco retains its late 19th and early 20th century character.

Situated on a large agricultural parcel, the dwelling fronts north on the south side of Dover Road. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the house is constructed of wood frame with composition board cladding. It stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays in width and features a side gable roof of standing seam metal. Paneled double-leaf doors with a one-light transom and a molded wood surround define the centered entry. Four 1/2 windows and five 1/1 replacement windows, all with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills, pierce the façade. The first story features a full-width porch with a half-hipped roof, chamfered wood posts, and scroll-sawn brackets. The center gable is clad in variegated wood shingles and has a 1/1 pointed arch window. The boxed wood cornice has scroll-sawn brackets and returns. Three interior brick chimneys adorn the dwelling, all with rebuilt brick caps. On the rear of the house, there is a two-and-a-half story ell with an inset two-story porch. A circa 1980 shed roof addition sits at the rear of the ell. There are four outbuildings that are contemporary to the dwelling, including a kitchen, smokehouse, bank barn, and poultry shelter.

# Maryland Historical Trust

## Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. BA-1164

### 1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic E. Pitts House (preferred)  
other McWilliams House

### 2. Location

street and number 15620 Dover Road not for publication  
city, town Upperco vicinity  
county Baltimore County

### 3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name H. James Eckhardt  
street and number 15620 Dover Road telephone Not Available  
city, town Upperco state MD zip code 21155-9513

### 4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 14772 folio 342  
city, town Towson tax map 25 tax parcel 58 tax ID number 0413018010

### 5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District  
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District  
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register  
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER  
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

### 6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function	Resource Count
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	Contributing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape	Noncontributing
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce/trade	<input type="checkbox"/> buildings
<input type="checkbox"/> site		<input type="checkbox"/> recreation/culture	<input type="checkbox"/> sites
<input type="checkbox"/> object		<input type="checkbox"/> defense	<input type="checkbox"/> structures
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> domestic	<input type="checkbox"/> objects
		<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> Total
		<input type="checkbox"/> funerary	
		<input type="checkbox"/> government	
		<input type="checkbox"/> health care	
		<input type="checkbox"/> industry	
		<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Number of Contributing Resources  
previously listed in the Inventory

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## 7. Description

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### Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Situated on a large agricultural parcel, the Gothic Revival style E. Pitts House fronts north on the south side of Dover Road. Set on a random rubble stone foundation, the circa 1889 house is constructed of wood frame with composition board cladding. It stands two-and-a-half stories in height and five bays in width and features a side gable roof of standing seam metal. Paneled double-leaf doors with a one-light transom and a molded wood surround define the centered entry. Four 1/2 windows and five 1/1 replacement windows, all with molded wood surrounds and square-edged wood sills, pierce the façade. The first story features a full-width porch with a half-hipped roof, chamfered wood posts, and scroll-sawn brackets. The center gable is clad in variegated wood shingles and has a 1/1 pointed arch window. The boxed wood cornice has scroll-sawn brackets and returns. Three interior brick chimneys adorn the dwelling, all with rebuilt brick caps. On the rear of the house, there is a two-and-a-half story ell with an inset two-story porch. A circa 1980 shed roof addition sits at the rear of the ell.

There are four outbuildings that are contemporary to the dwelling, including a kitchen, smokehouse, bank barn, and poultry shelter. Constructed of random rubble stone, the kitchen features a front gable, standing seam metal roof, a single-leaf cross-braced door, and an interior end brick chimney with a rebuilt stack and cap. The smokehouse is set on a random rubble stone foundation and is clad in German siding. Detailing includes a front gable asphalt shingle roof, a single-leaf vertical board door, and a fan-shaped ventilator in the gable end. The bank barn is set on a random rubble stone foundation and is clad in beaded vertical board siding. The side gable roof is clad in standing seam metal and there are two square cupolas with ventilators. The cupolas are set on a diagonal on the ridge of the roof. A one-story corncrib with a shed roof is attached to the side of the bank barn. The poultry shelter is set on a wood post foundation and is clad in beaded vertical board. The shed roof is clad in rolled asphalt sheeting and there is a single-leaf door and five 6/6 windows.

## 8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

<b>Specific dates</b>	1889 ca.	<b>Architect/Builder</b>	Unknown
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<b>Construction dates</b>	1889 ca., 1980 ca.
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Evaluation for:

☐ National Register☐ Maryland Register☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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## 9. Major Bibliographical References

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## 10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 74.11 Acres  
Acreage of historical setting 74 Acres  
Quadrangle name Hampstead Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

### Verbal boundary description and justification

The dwelling is located at 15620 Dover Road in Upperco in the Fourth District of Baltimore County. It has been associated with Tax Map 25, Parcel 58 since its construction circa 1889.

## 11. Form Prepared by

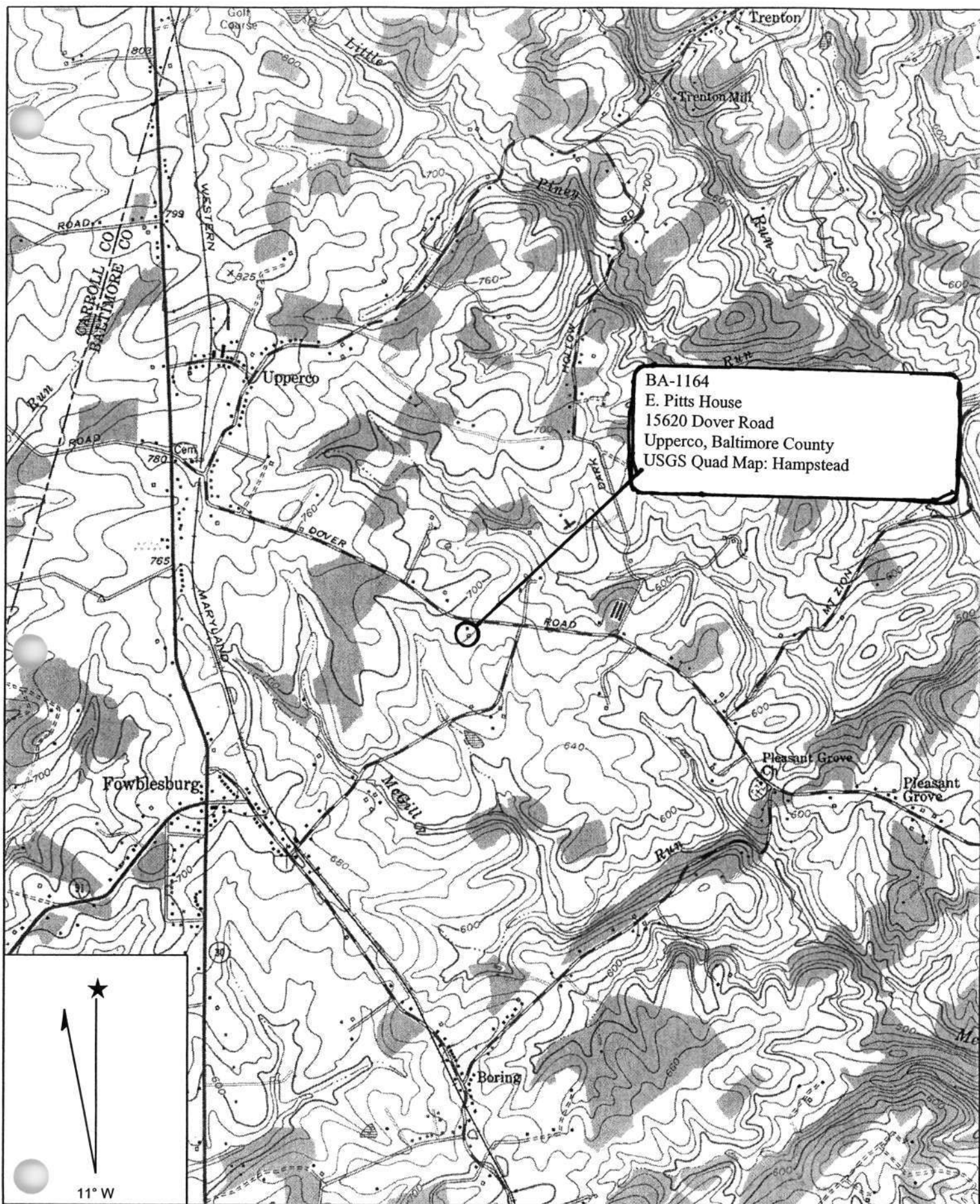
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organization	EHT Traceries, Incorporated	date	May 31, 2001
street & number	1121 5th Street NW	telephone	202.393.1199
city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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DHCD/DHCP  
100 Community Place  
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023  
410-514-7600





Name: HAMPSTEAD  
Date: 6/2/2003  
Scale: 1 inch equals 2000 feet

Location: 18 343503 E 4379493 N



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15626 DOVER ROAD

UPPERCO

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MD

TRACERIES

APRIL 2001

MD SHPO

NORTHWEST CORNER

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15620 DOVER ROAD

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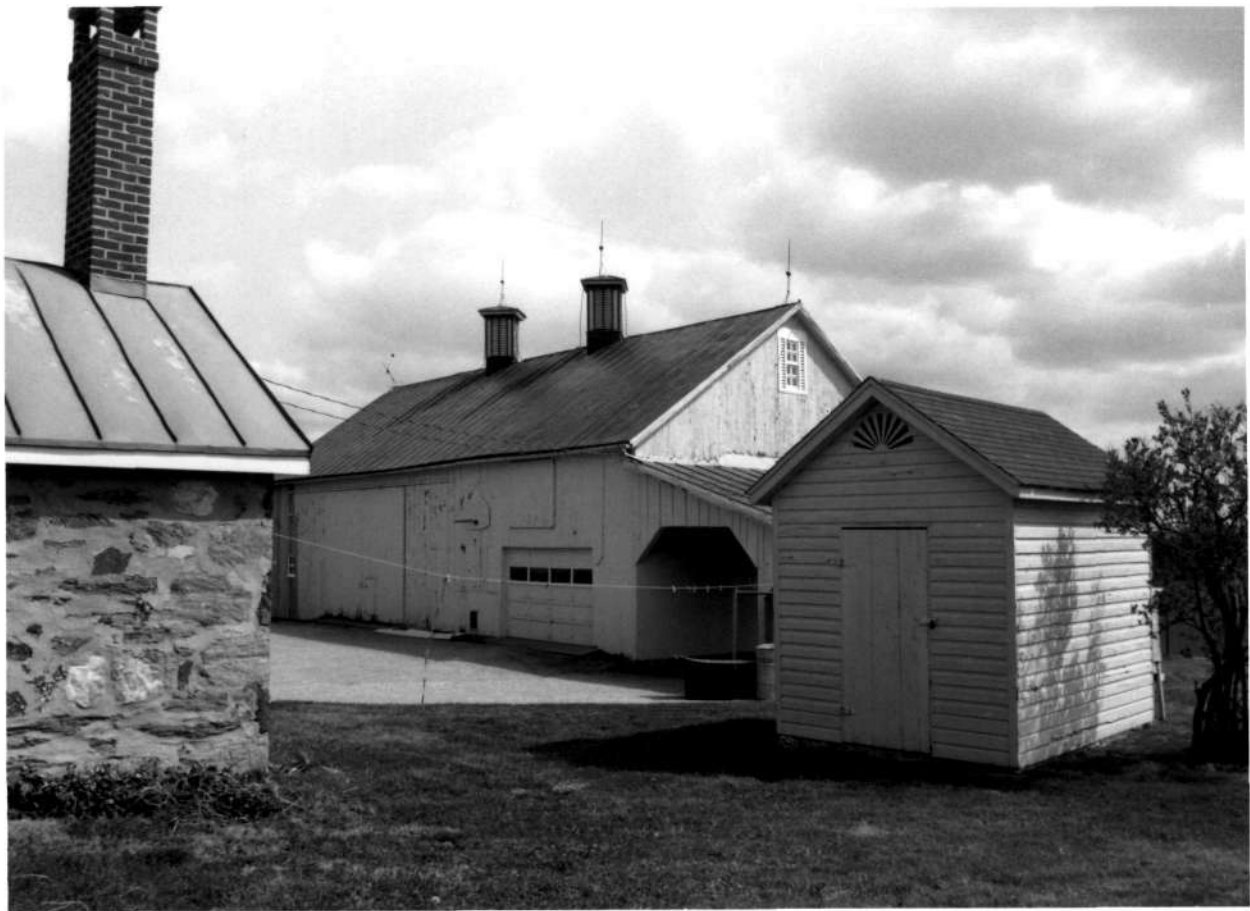
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SOUTHEAST CORNER

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OUTBUILDINGS

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**McWILLIAMS HOUSE** - After 1877 - 15620 Dover Road, south side, 0.15 miles west of Byerly Road, near Fowblesburg. Very large high Victorian frame and clapboard house, 2-½ stories; barge boards at gable ends; floor to ceiling windows on first floor porch level; full width front porch; scrolls decorate tops of posts supporting porch roof. Tin roof painted green; clapboards yellow. Barns and stables in matching paint. House has 2nd floor porch or gallery on east end.

Owner: Clarence E. McWilliams. House set near road.